I. A Second Chance is _________________________

1. Even Saints Can Slip

2. Peter’s Long List of Mistakes

Luke 22:54-55 “Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.”

Luke 22:56 “Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”

Luke 22:58 “And a little later someone else saw him and said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not.’”

Luke 22:59-60 “And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, ‘Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about.’ And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.”

Luke 22:61-62 “And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.”

II. A Second Chance is _________________________

John 10:3b “The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

Mark 16:6-7 “And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

III. A Second Chance is _________________________

1. A Word of __________________________

Mark 16:7 “And Peter.”

John 20:4 “Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.”

Luke 24:33b-34 “And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’”

1 Corinthians 15:5b “he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”

2. A Reminder that God Works _________________

John 21:1-6 “After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way, Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.”

3. A Renewed __________________________

John 21:9-13 “When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.”

Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

4. A Godly __________________________

John 21:15 “When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’”

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU
• What did God teach you during your worship time with Him this week?
• Share with your group a childhood Easter memory.

INTRODUCTION

Peter became a pillar of the church and a foundational part of the spread of the Gospel. Peter was the one who stood up on the Day of Pentecost to proclaim the Gospel for the first time. Peter was the Apostle that the others looked to for their early direction and guidance. Peter wrote the books of I & II Peter giving hope to the believers who were suffering because they were followers of Jesus. Peter started as a hot-headed, and impulsive fisherman who often found his foot in his mouth. Peter was rebuked by Jesus Himself for declaring that Peter would die for Jesus. Peter is a life of restoration and spiritual growth. Peter is the illustration of the power of the resurrection—a life restored because of a truly transformed life because of Jesus.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read through the following passages and answer the questions

READ MARK 16:1-7
• Why is it significant that Jesus mentions Peter by name?
• How are you and I very similar to Peter?
  - Have you ever felt as though you have ruined your relationship with God because of something you have done?
  - How have you experienced restoration?
• Are some sins so “bad” that God cannot/will not forgive them?
  - Give biblical support for your answer/position.
  - Does grace, unmerited favor, mean that God will withhold the consequences of our sin? (see Galatians 6:7)

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11–21
• As a group & throughout the week, pray through the following points:
  - Thank Jesus for dying on a cross for you.
  - Thank God for providing a way of reconciliation, so that you and he could talk to each other and you could know him.
  - Ask for the perspective to see others as new creations in Christ.
  - Tell God why you respect and honor him.

APPLICATION & TAKING IT HOME

From the verses & questions above, personalize and apply those verses to your life.
• Who have you told about the forgiveness you have found in Christ—and more specifically about the resurrection and salvation of Christ?

• Scripture is clear that Peter’s failure was not wasted. Read each of the following verses and contrast how Peter grew through his failure.
  - In the garden, Peter failed to be vigilant and pray, but later he wrote, _______________________________ (1 Peter 4:7).
  - In the garden, Peter cut off the ear of servant of the high priest, but later wrote ________________________________ (1 Peter 2:20).
  - Peter denied Jesus in front of a servant girl, but later proclaimed ________________________________ (1 Peter 3:15).

• How is God’s restoration in our life similar to the restoration that Peter experienced in his life?
• How does someone come to appropriate God’s forgiveness?
  - How can a person miss it?
  - Have you received God’s forgiveness?

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